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## "BECK'S" AMERICAN CORNER

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## Good Pitching by Toner Aids Phoenix in Capturing the First Game of Double Header, While Smart Fielding Cuts Off Several Possible Runs; Farmers Take Well to Hall's Offerings, Win Second Game.

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BETWEEN 500 and 700 fans were out at the Grand park Sunday afternoon to see a mixture of good, bad and indifferent baseball. The conglomeration was, however, interesting. Phoenix won the first game as a result of good pitching by Red Toner, while Las Cruces took the second.

Jim Black got along nicely in the first game for five innings. Hester opened the sixth with a triple and a wild pitch brought him home. For the rest of the game Jim was uncertain. Three hits in the eighth netted two runs and the visitors got four in the final score.

Smart fielding cut off possible runs for the Farmers in the fourth, but when they got five of their hits, but Red Toner was firing toward the end of the game. Two runs followed by a single gave the farmers their first run in the eighth and a double put out further possibilities. Wilder opened the ninth with a double and came home on Black's out. Two other hits failed to do any damage, though the bases were loaded when Demaggio grabbed Galt's long one.

The box score follows:

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Black, 2b	5	1	1	7	1	0
Wilder, 3b	5	1	1	7	1	0
Lynn, c	5	1	1	7	1	0
Pittman, cf	5	1	1	7	1	0
Stall, rf	5	1	1	7	1	0
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ENTRIES for the Border States tennis tournament, which opens at the Country club courts on Thursday morning, will close Tuesday and local players who desire to compete should get their entries in the hands of the tournament committee without further delay. The women are particularly requested to enter, as the entries in their events have been very few and somewhat disappointing.

ERNEST P. HUGHES slipped over on his many friends in the local sport world when he was quietly married Saturday. However, all the fans, baseball, trapezing and so on, wish Mr. and Mrs. Hughes many years of happy wedded life. Incidentally, there is a little joke on Mr. Hughes. When the passes for the Rio Grande baseball association were being issued, the secretary was not aware that Mr. Hughes was a bachelor and the ticket read "E. P. Hughes and wife." It didn't come back and now we know the reason.

ALBUQUERQUE plays at Phoenix this week. It will be some series.

## In the Big Leagues

The Cubs have finally passed the Phillies and are now leading the National League.

The batting of John Collins featured the victory of the White Sox over the Red Sox at Chicago, Sunday. He made a double, a single and a sacrifice fly.

A batting rally by the Browns in the ninth inning saved them one run and a victory over the Yankees, 4 to 2.

Walter Johnson held the Indians to five hits and helped the Senators win by a margin of 10 to 2.

Peacock and the Tigers were wild and the Tigers had little trouble beating the Athletics, 10 to 5.

Chief Bender was outpitched by Prendergast in the first game of the Federal double bill at Chicago and the Chicago won 2 to 1.

The Stouffville slugged out a victory over the Newark, 10 to 2.

Smelter City May Lose Franchise Because of Team's Poor Showing So Far.

BY "BECK."

Douglas is having trouble with its team in the Rio Grande baseball association. The club, under the management of Bill Quigley, has not been a success, either financially or so far as winning its games is concerned. Quigley gathered a fairly good bunch of players, but had a bad break in the first game of the season.

The poor showing of the smeltermen on the road rather dampened the base-ball spirit in Douglas and the attendance in the first home series was a disappointment, so much of a disappointment, in fact, that it is doubtful if the team will be able to remain in the circuit.

Directors Meet at Tucson.

A hurried meeting of the directors of the Rio Grande baseball association was called for this afternoon at Tucson. Until the result of that meeting is known, there will be no word as to whether the team of the circuit.

Knickerbocker to Tucson.

A telegram from Tucson on Monday morning stated that instead of coming to the Rio Grande baseball association, the Knickerbocker team will go on to Tucson and play the Old Pueblo, while the Solons will be at home in their regular scheduled series with the Ducks.

PACKERS PLAY SWIFTS DEFEAT ARMOURS, 14-13

The first ball game between the packers' teams to decide the championship among the three big concerns operating in this city, took place Saturday afternoon. Swift & Co's employees accepted the challenge of the Armour and defeated the Armour Stars by a score of 14 to 13. The infield work of the Swift Premiums and the batting of Kelly Passer featured.

Among the veterans who were out with the winners were Jack Day, Red Fasset, Sporty Odum, Red Overmyer and Dave Cowan.

The Swifts expect to play the S. & S. Majestics on Saturday afternoon, June 5.

ELKS DEFEAT BANKERS IN BALL GAME, 11-9

The Elks defeated the First National bank nine at Washington park Sunday morning by a score of 11 to 9. Sherman pitched great ball for the "best people" and led the bankers down with one hit. L. Albert hit the ball hard, having two home runs to his credit.

BATTILING NELSON'S manager, John R. Robinson, was in the city Saturday afternoon for a short time. He declared he "was just passing through" but had some inquiries to make about conditions at Juarez, so it would be no great surprise if he comes back here and tries to arrange a bout for the Dane across the river.

MATERIAL for future championship athletic teams is now being developed in the El Paso grammar schools and a glance over the records, published in another column, of the big meet on Saturday will be a big surprise to many persons who have the idea that the "kids" are "not up to snuff" as athletes.

PHOENIX must be given credit for having the best pitching staff seen here this year. In Hall, McGreevy and Toner, Hester has three good men.

WHAT'S a salary limit? To keep some baseball managers busy evading it.

HARVARD WINS AT LACROSSE. New Haven, Conn., May 24.—Harvard lacrosse team beat Yale 8-4 Saturday.

Make Clean Sweep of Week-end Games With El Paso; Mackmen Go to Tucson.

Douglas, Ariz., May 24.—Douglas made a sweep of the week-end games with the El Paso club, taking the Saturday contest in a regular exciting carnival and Sunday in a regular exciting carnival.

Jack Lewis started to pitch for El Paso Saturday night and had to be replaced by Kity Knight. Kity went in with the bases full and a couple of errors by Mattie and Perrine helped the Smeltermen keep the good work going.

The Smeltermen were to play an exhibition game Sunday with the El Paso team. It is expected that the Tucson series will open Tuesday.

El Paso Wins in Eighth.

In one of the strongest hitting games ever played here, the Mackmen lost to Douglas Saturday night. The score was 10 to 9 in the eighth inning.

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## Featherweight Champion, Who Boxes in Masterly Style Wherever Else He May Be, Seems Listless When Before a Gotham Audience; Welsh Will Again Go Against Sailor Who Once Knocked Him Out.

BY RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Gotham and environs continue to frown on Johnny Kilbane, regardless of the fact that he is the undisputed featherweight champion of the world, excluding Manhattan. To every community but this one Kilbane appears to be without an ally among the 125-pound boys; but he is having a hard time convincing New York that he is a real champion.

In the last two years Kilbane has fought only two ten-round non-decision bouts before metropolitan boxing bugs, and in both instances he failed miserably in his purpose of establishing himself as the champion. Gotham's fight element cares little for Freddie Welsh; but it cares even less to see Johnny Kilbane in action.

This is a strange state of affairs, considering that Kilbane can fight previous to the time he later declared he would retire, and the bantam champion is considered one of the best fighters on this planet.

But it seems that before a critical New York audience Kilbane loses all desire to show his prowess and over-sequently his reputation suffers. Of 100 fight adherents to whom was put the question: "Do you care to see Kilbane in a bout here?" exactly 100 answered, or rather shouted: "No!"

Why? Well it seems that Kilbane has been a "bum" since he was a "bum" and "bums" and "bums" to use some racing nomenclature. We are unable to advance any other reason for Kilbane's indifferent work when New Yorkers are concerned.

Kilbane fought Kid Julian at the St. Nicholas rink almost two years ago, and failed to impress. His poor showing was an excuse, inasmuch as it was his first bout after a prolonged layoff. Previous to the Julian fight he had been to Brooklyn, and put up such an atrocious exhibition against Young Tricoll, a third rater, that he was harshly rebuked.

Those who had seen him "perform" resolved never to witness another bout in which he was so easily defeated. Poor Showing With Leonard.

That accounts for Kilbane's refusal to enter into another battle here for almost two years. He thought the penitence against him had withered when he took on Benny Leonard at a local club recently. True, Leonard is a lightweight, which under ordinary circumstances might have accounted for another poor showing by Kilbane. But Leonard was only 125 pounds, while Kilbane weighed 135 pounds.

There was the usual diversity of opinion as to the winner, but all the scullers' experts were unanimous in acclaiming Kilbane a "cheese champion," judging only by that bout. And yet we know that Kilbane can fight, if he only concentrated his mind on the task at hand.

Welsh Meets Saylor Again. Freddie Saylor, the lightweight champion, is scheduled to box his nemesis, Saylor, at Indianapolis on the evening prior to the big auto races, said night being May 31.

It appears that Welsh and Saylor have met before. The meeting transpired up at the time of the 1912-1913, and was the last important bout Welsh engaged to before he took Ritchie on over to London and boxed him under his title. Saylor, who books give Welsh credit for a nine round victory, on foot over Saylor, while others credit Saylor with having scored a clean knockout in nine rounds. However the issue was not satisfactorily settled, and they meet once more to determine the mooted question.

The referee on their previous meeting, although he rendered no official decision at the time, later declared that Saylor had knocked Welsh out. It is a noteworthy fact that Welsh has not fought one really good battle since the Saylor incident, although he managed to outpace Willie Ritchie in their affair at London. By those who regard this as a blow to Welsh, it is a blow to a vital spot, and that Freddie has never recovered from the effects of the blow.

Saylor is confident of victory as indicated in the following expression: "I defeated Welsh once in a nine round, and I shall turn the trick again."

Some things such as steering wheels, axles, engines, transmissions, etc., which I will sell at reasonable prices—no one is going to buy these things in this town.

John Lewis, 3118 Huco street, wants to build a fast car, and enter it in the proposed races. This hardly comes within the conditions of the race, but Lewis is a good fellow.

"I have read your letter regarding proposition of a Junior auto race and a friend and I intend to enter a car if we can under the racing conditions. We have a chance to secure a Ford, roadster, cheap. The car will be a 1914 model, and will have to be practically new, and will have to do the work ourselves and both ride in the race, my friend as driver and myself as mechanic."

"Will we be allowed to enter the car under these conditions? Both of us are 19 years old, and we are well within the age limit. Hoping to hear a reply, either by letter or through the columns of the Herald."

"Jim Lewis."

BATTILING NELSON'S MANAGER HERE

John R. Robinson, business manager for Oscar B. Nelson, former champion of the world in bantamweight, has been back for the first time in a long while. He is in the city for a few minutes Saturday, on his way from Havana, Cuba, to San Francisco to attend to some business for the Battler.

The manager was rather keen on loose conditions at Juarez, but would not commit himself so far as to say that Battling Nelson might fight there. However, it is within the range of possibility that the Dane will be seen in action across the river late in the fall.

"ANGRY TOWN" TEAM DEFEATS AMERICAN DAIRY

The "Angry Town" team defeated the American Dairy team Sunday in a good game of baseball at the C. A. grounds, the score being 10 to 5 in 11 innings. The score:

Angry Town 10 5  
American Dairy 5 10

Angry Town: American Dairy, Hannan and Reeder. Angry Town: B. Morris, S. Shea and C. McKenney.

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